

MINUTES OF THE 34th MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY HELD ON 18.07.2018 IN MOEECC, NEW DELHI

The 34th meeting of the NCZMA was held on 18/07/2018 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, EFCC. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. As per decisions of the NCZMA in its 33rd Meeting held on 24/05/2018, NCSCM, Chennai was advised to carry out technical scrutiny of the draft Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) prepared by coastal States/UTs. In compliance, Technical Scrutiny Committee meeting was held in NCSCM, Chennai on 2nd & 3rd July, 2018 wherein besides Karnataka, Maharashtra and West Bengal, for which the CZMPs were earlier deliberated upon by the NCZMA in its meeting held on 24/05/2018, draft CZMPs of Odisha and Puducherry submitted to NCSCM in the intervening period were also examined by the Committee.
3. Certain refinements/corrections/modifications were advised by NCSCM to the respective States/UTs with a request to resubmit the draft CZMPs, after due revision, latest by 13th July, 2018 to enable them further scrutinise the draft and make their recommendations to the NCZMA accordingly.
4. It was informed that only Karnataka and Odisha complied with the timelines and submitted the revised plans to NCSCM within the target date. NCSCM, after technical scrutiny, reported satisfactory compliance and recommended the CZMPs for approval by the NCZMA. As recommended by the NCSCM, the NCZMA accorded its approval for Coastal Zone Management Plans for the States of Karnataka and Odisha, as per the provisions of CRZ Notification, 2011.
5. Director, NCSCM also informed of the submission of the revised draft plans by Maharashtra and Puducherry only on 17/07/2018 and that NCSCM would need some time for the scrutiny of the same.
6. West Bengal had submitted their revised draft CZMP to NCSCM. The NCZMA was informed that there were still some gaps and shortcomings in the CZMP, which needs suitable corrective action by West Bengal Government. NCZMA deliberated on the matter and resolved to accord its in-principle approval to the draft CZMPs for Maharashtra and

West Bengal provided that the refinements/corrections as suggested by the NCSCM are carried out and vetted by NCSCM and submitted to the MoEFCC before 31.07.2018. The final approval to these CZMPs shall be issued only after the compliance of above.

7. Puducherry was not represented in the meeting and, hence, NCZMA decided to defer the case for approval of the draft CZMP of Puducherry.

8. The progress of preparation of draft CZMPs by other coastal States/UTs was also discussed by the NCZMA. It was informed that Kerala (for 5 coastal districts out of 10) and Tamil Nadu are likely to submit their draft CZMPs to NCSCM for scrutiny within a period of next 7 to 10 days. NCSCM was advised to examine them at the earliest so as to explore the possibility of considering these plans for approval in the next NCZMA meeting before 31/07/2018, in wake of directions of NGT and considering that the validity of the CZMPs to CRZ, 1991 Notification expires on 31/07/2018.

9. NCZMA was informed that the balance States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Goa are in the process of having public consultations on the draft CZMPs and indicated a timeline of about three more months for the finalisation. States were advised to expedite the process in due consultations with NCSCM and other agencies involved in the process so as to enable taking up the draft CZMPs for approval by NCZMA by the end of September, 2018.

10. Shri T. P. Singh, Adviser, MEITY, suggested that in order to bring about greater transparency and ease of availability of information, a mobile application could be developed depicting the HTL and the CRZ zoning/classification of the entire coastline of the country. This could be taken up by MEITY in collaboration with NCSCM. NCZMA concurred in the suggestion.

11. Director, Indian Coast Guard, in the interest of environment protection and surveillance of the coastal areas, requested for sharing of data related to all the Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) as per CRZ Notification, 2011. It was informed that the ESAs as mapped out by NCSCM, shall form an integral part of the CZMPs by respective States/UTs, which after due approval process, shall be available on the public domain.

12. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair, with a request to hold next NCZMA meeting early (before 31/07/2018) to enable the approval process for the CZMPs for balance States/UTs, if any, submitted to NCSCM in the intervening period.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE 34TH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (NCZMA) HELD ON 18.07.2018.

S.N	Name	Designation	Organisation/State
1.	Shri C.K. Mishra	Secretary	MoEF&CC
2.	Shri. A. K. Mehta	Additional Secretary	MoEF&CC
3.	Shri. Ritesh Kumar Singh	Jt. Secretary	MoEF&CC
4.	Shri Ramachandra	Principal Secretary, Environment	Karnataka
5.	Shri. Arvind Kumar Nautiyal	Director	MoEF&CC
6.	Dr. R. Ramesh	Director, NCSCM	NCSCM, Chennai
7.	Shri Sanjay Gihar	Secretary(Environment)	Goa
8.	Dr. B.N. Patil	Director Environment Department	Maharashtra
9.	Shri. B.S.S. Prasad	Member Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Coastal Zone Management Authority	Andhra Pradesh
10.	Shri Vijay Kumar	Director, Forest & Environment Department	Karnataka
11.	Shri K. Somasundar	Advisor	Ministry of Earth Science
12.	Shri T. P. Singh	Advisor, MEITY	Gujarat
	Shri K. Murugesan	Forest & Environment Department	Odisha
13.	Shri Indavar Pandey	ACS, Forest & Environment Department	West Bengal
14.	Shri. A.K Saxena	PCCF, M.S. GEC	Gujarat
15.	Shri Sidhartha Roy	Senior Environment Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests	West Bengal
16.	Shri W. Bharat Singh	Additional Director	MoEF&CC
17.	Shri Bhim Singh Kothari	Director (Environment),	Indian Coast Guard, Ministry of Defence
18.	Shri S.C. Mahapatra	Forest & Environment Department	Karnataka
19.	Shri Rajesh Chandra	Scientist-D	Central Ground Water Authority
20.	Shri D. P. Yadav		Ministry of Home Affairs
21.	Dr. Bhawana Kapkoti Negi	Technical Officer	MoEF&CC
22.	Shri Nischal Joshi	Sr. Manager	Gujarat
23.	Ms. Smita Patil	Department of Environment	Maharashtra
24.	Ms. D. Bhoomika	Consultant, JESWM	
25.	Ms Pramita Sinharay	Project Scientist, JESWM	